

In addition, the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy will take place in Nairobi next August. We are honoured to have with us today Mr. Enrique Iglesias, who is Secretary General for this conference. The Deputy Secretary General is a Canadian -- Mr. Morris Miller. We have indicated our support for this conference by contributing to the cost of the preparatory activities.

Over the years, Canada has provided considerable energy assistance to developing countries. In the decade ending in 1982, we will have provided \$700 million in energy-related disbursements through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). In the 1979-80 fiscal year alone, we provided about \$100 million. These expenditures have been directed largely towards hydroelectrical power generation and distribution.

Some of you will also recall that under the provisions of the government's National Energy Programme a new company is being created -- Petro-Canada International. Its role will be to assist petroleum exploration in developing countries. Two hundred and fifty million dollars will be made available to Petro-Canada International over the next four years to be spent as development assistance.

In concluding, I want to suggest to you two additional ingredients that I believe will be essential if we are to make further headway in resolving difficulties in energy development on the international front.

The first is a better understanding of the complexities and dimensions of the over-all problem we are trying to resolve. This applies particularly to the general public, especially in the industrialized countries, which have a special responsibility, because they are by far the largest consumers of energy. As societies, we cannot afford either to panic or to be complacent; rather, we have to accept the difficult social and economic choices which are inevitable. This will mean modifying our social habits, the physical aspects of our homes, work-places and industrial processes as well as developing a new, complex array of human skills. Governments, corporations, scientists, voluntary organizations and interest groups will have to work effectively together.

I believe that the second essential ingredient is for governments themselves to dispel the confusion and misunderstanding that have so far surrounded much of the